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## Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A measuring and dispensing apparatus comprising: a cup for measuring a powder, the cup having a flat upper edge circumscribing a top opening of the cup;

a funnel-shaped dispenser for depositing the powder, the dispenser having a receiving opening and an exit opening that is relatively smaller in diameter than the top opening of the cup, wherein the perimeter of the receiving opening defines a flat leveling edge; and

wherein the leveling edge of the dispenser is configured to be scraped across the upper edge of the cup to level a quantity of powder in the cup such that the powder is even with the upper edge of the cup, and wherein the leveling edge of the dispenser is configured to be concentrically abutted with the upper edge of the cup with substantially no gap therebetween, whereby inverting the measuring and dispensing apparatus causes the powder in the cup to flow out of the cup through the exit opening of the funnel-shaped dispenser.

- 2. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the cup is sized to contain a desired volume of powdered ingredients.
- 3. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the funnel-shaped dispenser is substantially conical.
- 4. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the cup and funnel-shaped dispenser each have handle members, and wherein the cup handle member is movably attached to the dispenser handle member by a connection apparatus.
- 5. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 4, wherein the connection apparatus is a pin.

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- 6. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 4, wherein the connection apparatus is a ring.
- 7. (Currently amended) A measuring and dispensing apparatus comprising:
  a cup for measuring a powder, the cup having a flat upper edge <u>circumscribing</u> a top
  opening of the cup and a cup handle rigidly affixed contiguous to the flat upper edge;

a funnel-shaped dispenser for depositing the powder, the dispenser having a receiving opening and an exit opening that is relatively smaller in diameter than the top opening of the cup, wherein the perimeter of the receiving opening defines a flat leveling edge and a dispenser handle is rigidly affixed contiguous to said leveling edge; and

a connection apparatus for movably joining the dispenser handle to the cup handle so as to permit the leveling edge of the dispenser to be scraped across the upper edge of the cup to level a quantity of powder in the cup such that the powder is even with the upper edge of the cup, and wherein the leveling edge of the dispenser is configured to be concentrically abutted with the upper edge of the cup with substantially no gap therebetween, whereby inverting the measuring and dispensing apparatus causes the powder in the cup to flow out of the cup through the exit opening of the funnel-shaped dispenser.

- 8. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 7, wherein the connection apparatus is a pin.
- 9. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 7, wherein the connection apparatus is a ring.
- 10. (Original) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 7, wherein the cup is sized to contain a desired volume of powdered ingredients.
- 11. (New) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the funnel-shaped dispenser includes an interior surface defining an interior exit diameter proximate

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the exit opening and an interior receiving diameter proximate the receiving opening, and wherein the interior exit diameter is relatively smaller than the interior receiving diameter.

- 12. (New) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 11, wherein the funnel-shaped dispenser includes an exterior surface defining an exterior exit diameter proximate the exit opening and an exterior receiving diameter proximate the receiving opening, and wherein the exterior exit diameter is relatively smaller than the exterior receiving diameter.
- 13. (New) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 7, wherein the funnel-shaped dispenser includes an interior surface defining an interior exit diameter proximate the exit opening and an interior receiving diameter proximate the receiving opening, and wherein the interior exit diameter is relatively smaller than the interior receiving diameter.
- 14. (New) A measuring and dispensing apparatus as recited in Claim 13, wherein the funnel-shaped dispenser includes an exterior surface defining an exterior exit diameter proximate the exit opening and an exterior receiving diameter proximate the receiving opening, and wherein the exterior exit diameter is relatively smaller than the exterior receiving diameter.